

## SUPREME COURT/ALITO CONFIRMATION VOTE



### FILIBUSTER HAS FAILED, FAIR VOTE PREVAILED

After 3 years, the partisan judicial filibuster has failed. The principle of the fair, up-or-down vote has prevailed. And the American people are the winners.

- The voters made it clear in the elections that they did not want Democrats to obstruct judicial nominees on ideological grounds. They wanted fair, up-or-down votes.
- During a 3-year fight in the Senate to end the Democrats' judicial obstructionism, last June Republicans established the principle of a fair, up-or-down vote, threatening to use the Constitutional Option to end partisan judicial filibusters.
- Now we have secured fair votes for and confirmed 2 Supreme Court nominees and 7 obstructed appeals court nominees – all highly qualified, fair-minded and independent judges.
- This is a significant accomplishment. Now a bipartisan Senate majority has said yes to qualifications and no to ideological standards. A bipartisan majority has said yes to up-or-down votes and no to partisan political attacks.

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### PROBLEM REMAINS- POLITICIZATION OF THE PROCESS

- **Judges Alito and Roberts are committed to the rule of law and judicial restraint. They are mainstream judges, and their opponents representing the hard-left of the Democratic Party are the ones who are extreme.**
- **No political standard for nominees. Judges are not politicians.** Qualified nominees deserve a fair vote. They deserve the Ginsburg Standard, not a double standard. Judge Alito deserves an overwhelming vote, the same as Justices Ginsburg and Breyer received. The only reason for a no vote is partisan politics.
- **We still have a problem with the politicization and degradation of the process that threatens the health and independence of the judiciary.** Democrats' repeated attempts to block and degrade Judge Alito and other nominees failed, still Americans should be concerned about losing our most qualified candidates if we don't reform the process.
- **The Democrats' repeated and desperate attacks on Judge Alito show a Democratic leadership with no ideas and no positive agenda, while Republicans are pursuing a positive agenda for the American people.**

